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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b>  (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))	<b>Attorney Docket No.</b>	F-274
	<b>First Inventor</b>	Errico;
	<b>Title</b>	Axially Compressible Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having a Captured Ball and Socket Joint With a Solid Ball and Compression Locking Post
	<b>Express Mail Label No.</b>	ER005068781US

<b>APPLICATION ELEMENTS</b> See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.	<b>ADDRESS TO:</b> Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231
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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **79**]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **45**]
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named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
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101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	370.00
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107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	80	209	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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105	130	205	65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130		Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520		For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55		Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195		Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445		Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695		Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945		Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155		Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135		Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620		Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220		Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300		Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
146	710	246	355		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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DOCUMENTS INCLUDED:

- ☒ Patent Application Transmittal (1 page)
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- ☒ Specification and Claims (79 pages) (including 6 pages of claims)
- ☒ Informal Drawings (45 sheets)
- ☒ Oath(s) or Declaration(s) (3 pages)
- ☒ Power(s) of Attorney (1 pages)
- ☒ Assignment(s) (3 pages)
- ☒ Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate)
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